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SENATOR SYAS: Well I opposed any just blindly adopting a bill as voluminous as this and as important as this. I think that hurriedly I know we are facing a deadline which doesn't make for good legislation but I think that, Senator, we should go through this one at a time, one section at a time and see if there is any amendments. I'm not going to adopt something blindly. There's a lot of things in here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, first I want to indicate to the members that there is a package of amendments and some explanations that have my initials on it, have been passed out. These will contain some amendments that I understand will be offered with some explanation. I do not concur with all the amendments that are in there. There are some I do, there are some I don't. But I thought it would be helpful if you had that material in your hands as it is being discussed. Now with that announcement, Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Anderson of the committee amendment. If you have explained this I missed it. The appointment, that is the list of names that the legislature shall submit, as I read it, is within 60 days after the effective date of the Act.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: When will be the effective date of the Act?

SENATOR ANDERSON: The effective date of the Act would be the, well okay, the Commission would have to go into effect on the first of July this year or 90 days after the legislature is out of session.

SENATOR WARNER: Right. If that is correct then my question is, how does the legislature submit the list of names to the Governor, I believe, to be selected 60 days after we have adjourned and can no longer formerly meet? I know the escape clause is if no list is submitted then the Governor and the Secretary of State does it. But initially under the way the bill is drafted the legislature will not submit names or can not.

SENATOR ANDERSON: I think this raises the possibility unless the Executive Board can act for the legislature in this situation that we may have to make a correction there for the initial list preparation.

SENATOR WARNER: I don't have an amendment, maybe someone does at this moment but I have no objection to allowing the Executive Board do it. Senator Bereuter indicates he has an amendment. Fine. But I would expect that the Exec Board could not function for the legislature if an opinion was secured but I will yield to Senator Bereuter who apparently has an amendment that corrects it.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Warner, I do have an amendment which I am prepared to offer which would not give the authority to the Exec Board but which would handle the predicament